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DRAFT REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS ON ITS IN-SESSIONAL MEETING HELD DURING THE FORTIETH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, 1-18 JUNE 1993

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Addendum

CHAPTER III. COUNTRY, INTERCOUNTRY AND GLOBAL PROGRAMMES

C. Arab States

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Sudan

1. The Resident Representative presented the fourth country programme for the Sudan (DP/CP/SUD/4) with a net indicative planning figure (IPF) of $45 million. He pointed out that the programme concentrated on poverty alleviation and sustainable development in three areas of focus: (a) sustainable rural development; (b) promotion of food security; and (c) strengthening national capacity to manage development and macroeconomic reform. The first area of focus, the Area Development Scheme, covered over 1 million people and emphasized food security. Its first phase had just been evaluated independently and was shown to have taken root as a successful community-based participatory development programme.

2. A number of delegations commented on the proposed fourth country programme. Delegations endorsed the programme in general. Some expressed the following concerns: the programme should be reviewed and presented to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994); emphasis should be placed on food security; the social, political and physical implementation environment of the country programme should be examined; and the programme should benefit rural populations in all parts of the country.

3. The Minister of State for International Cooperation of the Sudan made a general statement in which he emphasized his Government's commitment to the creation of the necessary conditions for durable peace and sustainable development, with particular emphasis on rural coverage throughout the country.

4. The Committee recommended that the Council approve the fourth country programme: (a) with the understanding that the activities as proposed would have a primary focus on food security and sustainable rural agriculture development; and (b) would be subject to a policy review, after one year, of the impact of the overall enabling environment of the country on the implementation of the programme, bearing in mind the report of the Standing Committee on Programme Matters.